Principal’s Message

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the 2016 school year. We have four terms of 10 weeks. The term planner will be sent home on Friday with any known dates for significant school events. Please put it on the fridge.

Staff Changes

I will be taking long service leave by taking off every Friday during the year. Fleur Hargreaves will be Principal in my absence and Garry Evans the Deputy Principal.

SCHOOL TIMES FOR 2016

Below are the school times for school. We request that students do not arrive at school before 8.15 am.

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IT’S NOT OKAY TO STAY AWAY

Research tells us that in order to progress at school students need to attend 90% of the school year. This provides continuity for learning. Children stay home if they are sick.

Classes for 2016

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<td>Mrs Allison Jeppesen, Mrs Kerrie Lynch.</td>
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<td>Mrs Atkins, Years 3 - 6</td>
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Staffing

Many parents have enquired as to the health of Mr Dave Wainwright. Dave has come through his surgery well and is preparing for 6 weeks of radiation treatment on his tumour. His prognosis is great and he is very positive. There is a 4 week recuperating period to review the effectiveness of the radiation. Hopefully Dave will be able to return term 2.
BEACH SWIMMING 2016
All students in Year 5 and 6 are attending beach swimming lessons at South Beach starting on (Monday 1st Feb until Friday 12th Feb, 2016).

Students need to wear their bathers to school each day. The year 6 bus must leave at 8.30ish in the morning.

STUDENTS ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND WITH OUT THEIR PERMISSION FORMS

Staff Car Park
The staff car park is not a place for parents to park. Staff at the school, when arriving and departing, do not expect to have to negotiate students being dropped off and picked up in the staff car park. Please, consider the safety of your children.

2016 Public Holidays
Public Holidays
Term 1
Labour Day  Monday 7th March
Easter  Friday 25th March
Anzac Day  Friday 25th April
NB - Easter occurs during the school term.

Term 2
WA Day  Monday, 6th June

Term 3
Queen’s Birthday  Monday 26th Sept
NB – This does not occur in the school term.

ED Gym - Primary school gymnastics classes for Schools
This program is an educational gymnastics program conducted on 10 stations of modified gymnastics equipment. The equipment is transported to the school in small trucks and set up circuit style in an undercover area, or outdoors in suitable weather. The EdGym program has a strong emphasis on basic skills and is more in line with traditional gymnastics classes.

VACCINATIONS
Is your child attending Kindergarten for the first time?
The National Health & Medical Research Council recommends that children who have turned 4 years of age have the following booster immunisations:
• DTPa-IPV (Vaccine against Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (Whooping cough) and Polio)
• MMR (vaccine against Measles, Mumps & Rubella)
• And all other WA schedule vaccinations recommended, completed.

These vaccines should be given before starting Pre Primary.

If you need more information about these vaccines, please phone of the following organisations.
1. Immunisation Clinic – Hilton Community Health 9337 2528
City of Melville 9364 0279
2. Central Immunisation clinic in Perth- 9321 1312
3. Australian Immunisation Register – 1800 635 809
or www.medicareaustralia.gov.au

Community Health Nurse – Judy Sullivan

School Development Days
Schools are provided 7 days throughout the year to plan and provide professional development to staff. These are listed below and are days that staff to attend school.

Term 1  Thurs & Friday 29th and 30th Jan
Term 2  Tuesday, 26th April
          Friday 3rd June
Term 3  Monday, 18th July
Term 4  Monday, 10th October
          Friday, 16th December

Note- There are two days that the staff are at work and students remain at home in term 2. As Monday, 25th April is a public holiday, the next day is our school development day, 26th
April. Students start term 2 on Wednesday, 27th.

Also staff have a professional development day on the Friday of week 6, 3rd June. The Friday joins the long weekend, to make it a little longer for students. Staff will attend a conference with sessions related to the National Curriculum on the Friday. Monday, 6th June is the Foundation Day holiday.

Smoke Free School
Samson Primary School is a smoke free school, as are all government schools. If you wish to ‘light up’ you must make sure that you are not on school grounds. This includes verge areas, car parks and pathways. The pathway behind the gardeners shed is still within school grounds.

Voluntary Contributions
School voluntary contributions are set in consultation with the School Council. It has been agreed that the voluntary contribution, per child, is $60.00 which will go towards the purchase of replacement library books, reading materials, computer consumables and photo copy paper. The more families who pay this voluntary contribution the more resources will be available to our students.

MATHS PARENT WORKSHOP
For parents of students in years 4, 5 or 6. Practical suggestions to help your child and what children learn in these years in Maths.

WHAT: What does maths look like in yrs 4, 5 & 6?
WHEN: Tuesday, 23rd February, 2016
WHERE: Library
TIME: 7pm
WHO: Rhonda Spencer
Everyone welcome

We will run this again if parents would like to participate and cannot make this date.

EAGLES VISIT
9TH FEBRUARY
On Tuesday, 9th February at 1:00 – 1:40pm some of the Eagles players will visit Samson PS to sign autographs and meet the students. Parents are welcomed to attend and join in the fun. Thank you to Mrs Burt for organising this event. Don’t forget you can wear blue and yellow on the day to support your team.

LITERACY KINDY & PRE-PRIMARY WORKSHOPS
Parents are invited to attend a workshop run by the Language Development Centre. Researched based tips will be given to parents on how to assist your child with learning to read and write. Free bag of literacy resources for everyone who attends. See dates below

Kindy
Date: Wednesday, 17 February 2016
Venue: Library
Time: 9:00am -10:00am

Pre-Primary
Date: Thursday, 18 February 2016
Venue: Library
Time: 8:45am – 9:45am
TERM PLANNER TERM 1
Students have been given a term 1 planner to take home today. Please check your child’s bag. A copy can be obtained from the website.

DATES TO REMEMBER
New items will be in entered in red

Term 1
Fri 5 Mar  Swimming Lessons Yrs 5 & 6
               Faction Captain Speeches
Mon 8 Mar  Swimming Lessons
               continue
               Student Council speeches
Tues 9 Mar  Uniform Shop Open 8.30am
               Eagles Visit 1-1.40pm
Wed 10 Feb  P & C Meeting 9 am
Thur 11 Feb  Ed Gym begins PP – Yr 3
Fri 12 Feb  Swimming lessons conclude
Mon 15 Feb  On Entry Assessment
               PP, Yr 1 & Yr 2 begins
Wed 17 Feb  Behaviour Assembly 8.45
               Multi Lit Parent Workshop
               Kindy Parent Meeting &
               Literacy Mtg 9.00-10.00
               Staff Meeting 3 pm
Thur 18 Feb  Newsletter
Wed 24 Feb  Assembly - Virtues
               School Council 7pm
Mon 29 Feb  First Aid Lessons K-6
Thur 3 Mar  Newsletter
Fri 4 Mar  Clean Up Australia Day
Mon 7 Mar  LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
Wed 9 Mar  Assembly – Fitness
               P & C AGM 7pm
Thur 10 Mar  Multi Sports
Fri 8 April  Last day of term

Term 2
Wed 27 April  Students first day at school
               for term 2

UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop is open every Tuesday from 8.30 to 9am. Cash only. If ordering by EFT your order will be taken to child’s class when ready.

CANTEEN
The canteen is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week. Menus available on line or from the front office.

Cheryl is always looking for parents who have an hour or two to spare in the morning to help out in the canteen. Any time that you can spare is very much appreciated.

On Line Ordering – Canteen / Uniform Shop
On line ordering for the canteen and uniform shop will be available soon. A group of P & C members met with a representative from CANTEENS ONLINE to discuss how to get this set up. Once the infrastructure is in place the opportunity to order and pay online will be operational. We are aiming to go live for the start of term 2. More information will be sent out soon.

Canteen Manager Position
The position of Canteen Manager will be advertised soon. Over many years the position has been an honorarium position due to changes in the canteen operation, the position will become a paid position at the appropriate rate. The full process of application and interview is required to fill this position and will occur during term 1. The canteen is open as usual until this process is concluded.
If anyone is interested in applying, the information package will be available soon.

P & C Meeting
Our next P & C meeting is Wednesday, 10th February at 9 am in the staffroom.

Please send all agenda items to the P & C Facebook page before the meeting by Monday 8th Feb.

Wednesday 9th March is the AGM. New committee members required all positions are available.

Community News

Welcome back to a new year!!! Give Sammy French a call on 0406491576 and mention this newsletter ad and save. Come and see what we are all about starting from 4 years old to adults. Self esteem through self defence.

5th Degree Master Instructor – Steele French.

French’s
Martial arts
Steele French (Head Instructor)
Little Nippers /Kids &
Adults Taekwondo
Beginners Classes
Teaching Self-esteem through Self Defence after school at
Samson Primary School
0406 491 576
Frenchys11@bigpond.com

Wanslea Early Learning and Development

Afterschool care program on
Samson school site.
Caring, fun environment
Contact us for more information
Enquiries: 0431 778 432
www.wanslea.asn.au
1-2-3 Magic™ and Emotion Coaching

To help parents manage difficult behaviour in children 2 to 12 yrs

A humorous look at parenting, a serious look at discipline!
To help manage difficult behaviour in children, calmly and effectively. Learn how to use empathy so kids begin to identify their emotions and become better at managing them. This enables them to take more responsibility for their own behaviour.

Behaviour Tonics Rooms, Level 1, 252 Cambridge St, Wembley
Presented over 3 sessions. Cost $180 per person or $340 per couple. 7 to 9.30pm

Tue 16th, 23rd Feb & 1st March (2 to 5yrs)
Thurs 25th Feb, 3rd & 10th March (2 to 12yrs)
Wed 23rd, 30th March & 6th April (2 to 12yrs)

You will learn:

- The two approaches to parenting.
- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- How to handle kids testing behaviour.
- How to show empathy while developing emotional intelligence in your child.
- How to teach and encourage positive behaviour, social skills and independance.
- How to strengthen the relationship with your child.
- How to control obnoxious behaviour.

What people are saying...

- An end to the yelling and arguing
- It saved our lives
- Simple, sane, effective
- What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember at those times when memory is the first thing to go

For more information about this workshop call (08) 9392 1182 or (Register Online) at www.behaviourtonics.com.au